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SUBJECT: US ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM TALKS WITH GDR: THIRD DAY

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1. SUMMARY: GDR REPS AUGUST 29 CONTINUED TO RESIST US TEAM EFFORTS TO SPEED INSPECTION OF POSSIBLE CHANCERY AND RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES. EAST GERMANS INSISTED KARLPLATZ BUILDING, WHICH THEY HAD SHOWN US YESTERDAY, WAS ADEQUATE FOR US EMBASSY AND BEST SITE AVAILABLE. US REPS, AGAIN NOTING BUILDING WAS TOO SMALL AND IN NEED OF EXTENSIVE REMODELLING, ASKED TO SEE ALTERNATIVE PROPERTY. TEAM WAS SHOWN TWO POSSIBLE CHANCERY SITES- ONE COMPLETELY UNSATISFACTORY AND THE OTHER IN INITIAL STAGE OF CONSTRUCTION. AT END OF DAY, TEAM WAS SHOWN RESIDENCE IN PANKOW AREA SUITABLE FOR SENIOR US OFFICIAL, BUT WAS TOLD THIS WAS ONLY HOUSE NOW VACANT WHICH HAD BEEN EARMARKED FOR US. TEAM AGREED  
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TO MEET AGAIN THURSDAY THOUGH GDR OFFICIALS MADE NO

PROMISE TO SHOW FURTHER BUILDINGS. THROUGHOUT DAY, EAST GERMANS PROBED TO DETERMINE HOW LONG US TEAM INTENDED TO REMAIN IN BERLIN, AND WERE TOLD TEAM MEMBERS STILL EXPECTED TO DEPART NO LATER THAN EARLY NEXT WEEK. END SUMMARY.

2. US ADMIN TEAM, AUGUST 29 BEGAN DISCUSSION BY EXPLAINING WHY KARLPLATZ CHANCERY SITE SHOWN PREVIOUS DAY DID NOT MEET US REQUIREMENT AS TO SIZE AND LOCATION. TEAM AGAIN REITERATED THAT RESIDENCES IN ESPLANADE DIPLOMATIC ENCLAVE WERE UNACCEPTABLE. US POINTED OUT THAT IN FIRST TWO DAYS TO TALKS ONLY ONE CHANCERY AND TWO RESIDENCE AREAS HAD BEEN PRESENTED AND EXPRESSED VIEW IT WOULD BE IN MUTUAL INTEREST TO ACCELERATE PROPERTY INSPECTION. IN THIS REGARD, US TEAM COULD BETTER EXPEDITE ITS DELIBERATIONS IF GDR WOULD PRESENT A WIDER VARIETY OF POSSIBLE CHANCERY AND RESIDENCE SITES. RETURNING TO KARLPLATZ SITE, GDR STATED THAT IF US FOUND LACK OF USABLE SPACE MAIN OBJECTION, GDR WOULD BE WILLING TO MAKE AVAILABLE TWO APARTMENT HOUSE BUILDINGS ABUTTING ON MAIN STRUCTURE. US TEAM SAID IT WILLING TO CONSIDER NEW PROPOSAL BUT CONTINUED TO HAVE MAJOR DIFFICULTIES WITH OTHER ASPECTS OF BUILDING INCLUDING INSUFFICIENT CARRYING WEIGHT, LOCATION AND REQUIREMENT FOR ALMOST COMPLETE RENOVATION. AFTER SOME DELIBERATION GDR SIDE AGREED TO SHOW ADDITIONAL SITES THAT AFTERNOON.

3. REVERTING TO EARLIER US INQUIRY, GDR DISCUSSED IN SOME DETAIL PROBLEM OF US, LOCAL, AND THIRD COUNTRY CONTRACTORS AND IMPORTATION OF LABOR AND/OR BUILDING MATERIALS. GDR TEAM EXPLAINED THAT ALL LOCAL/CONTRACTS MUST BE THROUGH SERVICE OFFICE (DIENSTLEISUNGSAMT) AND NO EXCEPTION TO THAT RULE COULD BE PERMITTED. US TEAM ACCEPTED THESE TERMS AS LONG AS US REQUIREMENTS ON FREE ACCESS TO BUILDING SITE WERE MET. GDR SAID THAT IT WOULD HAVE IN PRINCIPLE NO DIFFICULTY WITH US USE OF US OR THIRD COUNTRY CONTRACTORS AND IMPORTATION FROM US OR THIRD COUNTRIES OF LABOR AND MATERIALS.

4. IN AFTERNOON GDR SHOWED TWO CHANCERY SITES. FIRST LOCATED AT CHARLOTTENSTR. 60 NEAR CHECKPOINT CHARLIE, WAS CONFIDENTIAL

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1907 BUILDING WHICH APPEARS TO BE IN VERY POOR REPAIR; ALTHOUGH TEAM WAS UNABLE TO INSPECT INTERIOR OF BUILDING; SITE IS LOCATED IN CENTER OF PLANNED DIPLOMATIC APARTMENT CHOUSE ENCLAVE NEAR LEIPZIGERSTR. WITH LIMITED PUBLIC ACCESS. SECOND SITE WAS NEW CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION MID-1974 AT CORNER OF CLARA ZETKINSTR."SCHADOWSTR. JUST NORTH OF UNTER DEN LINDEN. ALTHOUGH BUILDING PLANNED FOR DIPLOMATIC USE, US WOULD BE EXPECTED TO SHARE PREMISES WITH OTHER

PARTIES. FIRST SITE WAS IMMEDIATELY REJECTED AS UNSATISFACTORY, BUT TEAM AGREED TO STUDY FLOOR PLANS OF SECOND SITE TO SEE IF IT CONCEIVABLY MIGHT MEET US NEEDS. US WAS ALSO SHOWN ONE RENOVATED RESIDENCE ON HEINRICH-MANN PLATZ, PANKOW, WHICH APPEARS TO MEET REQUIREMENTS FOR SENIOR OFFICER RESIDENCE.

5. AT LUNCH GOERLITZ EXPRESSED HOPE THAT EAST GERMANS WOULD RECEIVE ASSISTANCE IN ACQUIRING OFFICE SPACE AND HOUSING IN WASHINGTON. US TEAM EXPLAINED THAT PROPERTY MATTERS IN US WERE GENERALLY HANDLED BY A REAL ESTATE AGENT, HOWEVER, DEPARTMENT'S PROTOCOL OFFICE WOULD BE GLAD PROVIDE GUIDANCE. ALSO ADDED THAT OFFICER FROM EUR/CE MIGHT ASSIST AS A GUIDE TO OFFICE AND HOUSING AREAS AND SUGGESTED DEPARTMENT'S DIPLOMATIC LIST WOULD PROVIDE READY REFERENCE OF WASHINGTON AREA ADDRESSES OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS AND INDIVIDUAL KEY OFFICERS.  
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